

Friday 29/5/20

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We hope that this letter finds you safe and well. We hope you have been enjoying the weather this half term and have been able to make the most of it where possible. Next week sees us enter the final 7 weeks of the school year. It looks increasingly like this will be 7 more weeks of home learning for the vast majority of students and we will continue to support this process as we have been. There has been a lot for us all to take in at this time and as a school we are still learning how best to support students whilst at home.

Government update

The government announced on Sunday that secondary school students would be delayed in their return to school, and were not to return before the 15th June. Whilst this caught everyone by surprise, in the interests of safety we must follow the guidance. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience to anyone, but the safety of the school community is paramount. We will continue to be open for the emergency care that we have been offering to the children of key workers as we have been up to now.

We have asked the parents and carers of Year 10 already if they intended to send their children in when we reopened on the 8th June; please could we ask you to contact the school if your answer is different for a June 15th reopening, otherwise we will assume that it hasn't and will be expecting those who said they were returning on the 8th to be back on the 15th.

The government are continuing to advise on how to maintain a safe environment in school, and we are confident that our plans work. Our plans and new site rules will be published once they have been finalised. When we do have more students back in we will require them to follow the site rules very carefully. It goes without saying that these rules are in place for everyone's safety and so they will be enforced strictly.

The government have also requested that students do not meet up socially outside of school, unless it is online. We know that this is difficult for students, particularly when they have not seen their friends for a long time, but it is important to observe these rules for the time being. We will, of course, be enforcing social distancing in school in lesson and break times.

Home Learning

Teachers will resume setting work to be completed from next week until the end of the year. It will be on the website in the usual place. Some tips for managing the learning at home include:

- 1. Involve your child in designing the learning timetable
- 2. Allow them to learn in short bursts and come back to a subject later if that suits them

3. Encourage them to ask the teacher if they do not understand by emailing from their school account (we may not pick up emails from other accounts)

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As always we thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and if you need to contact the school please continue to use the pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk address.

Yours faithfully

The Priory Pembroke Academy